

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please ~~add~~ the following claims:

(Newly added) 26. A method for controlling background transfers of electronic conference data comprising:

transferring at least one packet of electronic conference object data from a first participant to at least one other participant by employing a background transfer manager (BTM), wherein said transferring is based, at least in part, on a minimum threshold and a maximum threshold.

(Newly added) 27. The method of claim 26, wherein said minimum threshold is based, at least in part, on a first value and a variable offset;

said first value and said variable offset being based, at least in part, on a time spent executing within said BTM.

(Newly added) 28. The method of claim 27, wherein said variable offset is further based, at least in part, on a second value, said second value being based, at least in part, on a time spent executing outside said BTM.

(Newly added) 29. The method of claim 28, wherein said maximum threshold is based, at least in part, on said variable offset and a substantially predetermined delay;

said substantially predetermined delay being based, at least in part, on an average frequency of servicing said BTM.

(Newly added) 30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:

adjusting said variable offset if said second value is either less than said first value or greater than said maximum threshold.

(Newly added) 31. The method of claim 30, wherein adjusting said variable offset comprises:

adjusting said variable offset by a first amount for a first number of times said variable offset is adjusted;

adjusting said variable offset by a second amount for a second number of times said variable offset is adjusted.

(Newly added) 32. The method of claim 31, wherein said first amount and said second amount are not equal.

(Newly added) 33. The method of claim 32 wherein adjusting said variable offset further comprises:

clamping said variable offset such that said variable offset is limited by a substantially predetermined value.

(Newly added) 34. The method of claim 30, further comprising:

adjusting said variable offset by a corresponding amount after said transferring.

(Newly added) 35. An article comprising: a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that, when executed, result in a computing platform having the capability to:

transfer at least one packet of electronic conference object data from a first participant to at least one other participant,

said transfer being controlled, at least in part, by a background transfer manager (BTM) and based, at least in part, on a minimum threshold and a maximum threshold.

(Newly added) 36. The article of claim 35, wherein said minimum threshold is based, at least in part, on a first value and a variable offset;

said first value and said variable offset being based, at least in part, on a time spent executing within said BTM; and

said maximum threshold being based, at least in part, on said variable offset and a substantially predetermined delay;

said substantially predetermined delay being based, at least in part, on an average frequency of servicing said BTM.

(Newly added) 37. The article of claim 36, wherein said variable offset is further based, at least in part, on a second value, said second value being based, at least in part, on a time spent executing outside said BTM.

(Newly added) 38. The article of claim 37, wherein said instructions, when executed, result in the further capability to adjust said variable offset if said second value is either less than said first value or greater than said maximum threshold.

(Newly added) 39. The article of claim 38, wherein adjusting said variable offset comprises:

adjusting said variable offset by a first amount for a first number of times said variable offset is adjusted;

adjusting said variable offset by a second amount for a second number of times said variable offset is adjusted.

(Newly added) 40. The article of claim 39, wherein said first amount and said second amount are not equal; and adjusting said variable offset comprises:

clamping said variable offset a such that said variable offset is limited by a substantially predetermined value.

(Newly added) 41. The article of claim 38, wherein said instructions, when executed, result in the further capability to adjust said variable offset by a corresponding amount after said transfer.

(Newly added) 42. A method of transferring electronic conference data comprising: receiving at least one packet of electronic conference data from a sending participant;

processing said at least one packet by employing a background transfer manager (BTM);

comparing a variable offset with a substantially predetermined threshold value; and transmitting an electronic message to said sending participant.

(Newly added) 43. The method of claim 42, wherein said electronic message results in said sending participant reducing a rate of transfer of said at least one packet.

(Newly added) 44. The method of claim 42, wherein said variable offset is based, at least in part, on a first time spent executing within said BTM and a second time spent executing outside said BTM.

(Newly added) 45. The method of claim 42, wherein said electronic conference data comprises a binary large object (BLOB).

(Newly added) 46. An article comprising: a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that, when executed, result in a computing platform having the capability to: receive at least one packet of electronic conference data from a sending participant; process said at least one packet by employing a background transfer manager

(BTM):

compare a variable offset with a substantially predetermined threshold value; and  
transmit an electronic message to said sending participant.

(Newly added) 47. The article of claim 46, wherein said electronic message results in said sending participant reducing a rate of transfer of said at least one packet.

(Newly added) 48. The article of claim 47, wherein said variable offset is based, at least in part, on a first time spent executing within said BTM and a second time spent executing outside said BTM.

(Newly added) 49. The method of claim 48, wherein said electronic conference data comprises a binary large object (BLOB).

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